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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11-17-52

WEATHER Temperatures averaged considerably above normal during the week. There was no precipitation until the close, when the southeast received moderate to heavy soaking rains, the Panhandle moderate to heavy wet snow in the south and light in the north, and the south-central light rains. The north-central and northeastern portions of the State did not receive any precipitation.

CROPS The outlook for wheat is much better since the moisture in the eastern portion of the State and in the Panhandle. With the snow and rain that has fallen, aggregating over an inch of moisture in the southern Panhandle, the summer fallow wheat in that area is now in good condition to survive the winter. The Panhandle wheat crop has been in better condition than the balance of the State.

Wheat in the southwestern and central portions, comprising about 40% of the wheat area, received practically no moisture. Part of this wheat is grown on summer fallow and should survive, but the outlook for the balance of the wheat in this area is extremely poor. Much of the wheat in this area has not developed its secondary root system and while it could survive the winter if plenty of moisture arrives before it freezes up, such wheat, based on past records, usually produces a light crop. Roughly, about one-fourth of Nebraska's wheat crop is in this condition and still without moisture.

Corn harvest is practically completed. The moisture content is low, quality good, and much of it is being placed under loan. This year's crop used about all the moisture in the corn fields and so far there is very little reserve moisture for next year's crop.

The harvest of sugar beets is nearing completion. Potatoes are moving in fairly good volume. Potatoes that were damaged by the freeze are being sorted. Spoilage of frozen potatoes in storage induced the development of other potato diseases. Shipments of potatoes totaled 1,463 cars against 1,373 cars on the same date a year ago. A considerable quantity of potatoes were trucked out.

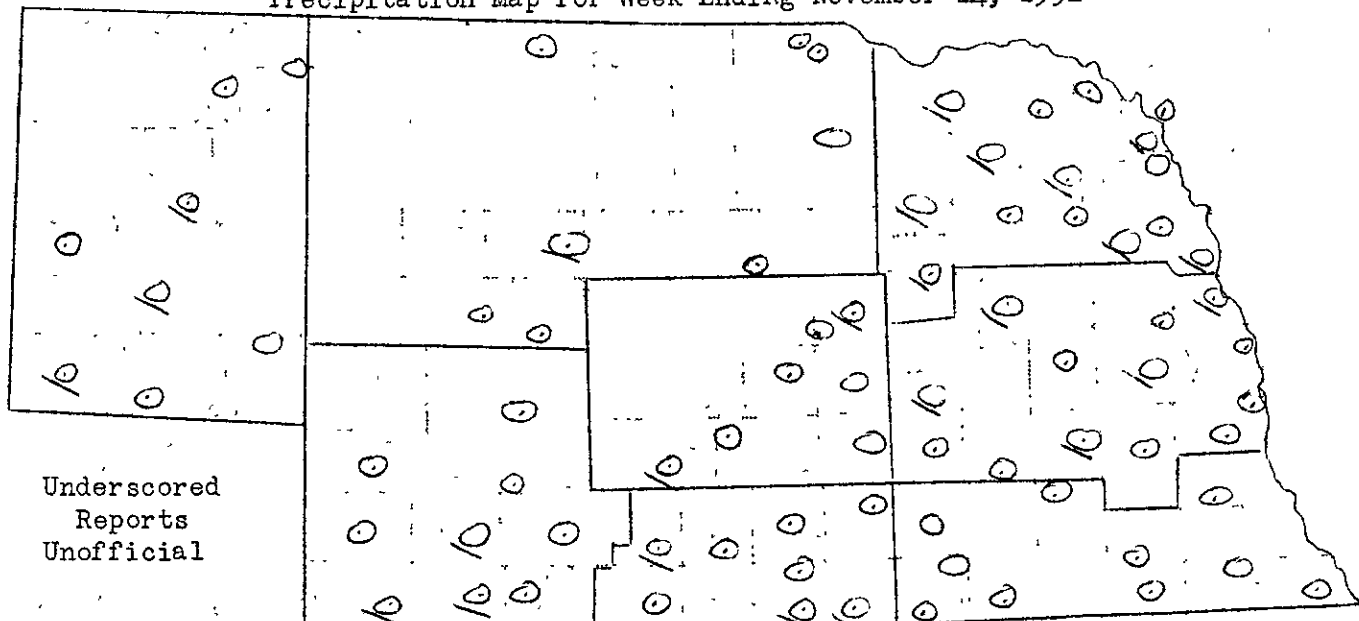
LIVESTOCK The rain and snow covering the Sandhills softened range feed, making it more palatable. Range is still dry and dusty in southwestern Nebraska. The hay supply is the second largest of record but because of the lack of fall pasture and wheat pasture, a larger supply will be needed. Surplus hay is still moving southward.

Comments from a few of the counties indicate decreased interest in hog production. The results of the December Pig Survey will be released December 22. This will show the size of the present fall pig crop and farmers' intentions as to spring farrowing.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 1952

| Eastern Division | Central Division | Western Division |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grand Island .31 | Burwell .06 | Chadron .05 |
| Lincoln 1.49 | Lexington .04 | Imperial .09 |
| Norfolk 0 | North Platte .05 | Scottsbluff .19 |
| Omaha 2.26 | Valentine 0 | Sidney .57 |
| Sioux City .01 | | |

Precipitation Map for Week Ending November 14, 1952



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

| | | NOVEMBER | | 11th | | 12th | | 13th | | 14th | | 15th | | 16th | | 17th | |
|------|--------------|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| | | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min |
| NW | Chadron | 62 | 36 | 66 | 22 | 66 | -- | 63 | 25 | 63 | 44 | 55 | 28 | 49 | 32 | | |
| | Scottsbluff | 64 | 28 | 66 | 31 | 63 | 33 | 61 | 30 | 61 | 35 | 52 | 24 | 50 | 30 | | |
| | Sidney | 59 | 24 | 65 | 25 | 64 | 34 | 61 | 25 | 58 | 31 | 60 | 16 | 53 | 28 | | |
| N-C | Burwell | -- | -- | -- | -- | 68 | 28 | 65 | 33 | 64 | 30 | 66 | 30 | 54 | 36 | | |
| | Valentine | 59 | 31 | 63 | 24 | 65 | 38 | 69 | 34 | 59 | 36 | 61 | 36 | 51 | 33 | | |
| NE | Norfolk | -- | -- | 57 | 26 | 66 | 29 | 62 | 31 | 58 | 27 | 46 | 35 | 58 | 42 | | |
| | Sioux City | -- | -- | -- | -- | 65 | 34 | 63 | 34 | 56 | 28 | 67 | 36 | 67 | 46 | | |
| CEN. | Grand Island | 51 | 33 | 64 | 31 | 69 | 42 | 64 | 34 | 65 | 35 | 71 | 35 | 60 | 41 | | |
| | Lexington | 53 | 29 | 58 | 27 | 70 | 28 | 68 | 30 | 65 | 28 | 70 | 26 | 57 | 37 | | |
| E-C | Lincoln | 47 | 34 | 60 | 29 | 72 | 51 | 65 | 40 | 62 | 31 | 71 | 41 | 59 | 50 | | |
| | Omaha | 47 | 29 | 62 | 29 | 70 | 49 | 65 | 43 | 60 | 28 | 68 | 40 | -- | -- | | |
| SW | Imperial | 57 | 26 | 67 | 22 | 70 | 29 | 67 | 30 | 65 | 35 | 70 | 27 | 59 | 31 | | |
| | North Platte | 55 | 18 | 65 | 18 | 65 | 27 | 69 | 30 | 63 | 32 | 70 | 27 | 56 | 35 | | |

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